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BY FACSIMILE AND U.S. MAIL

Thomas J. Krueger, Esq.
U.S. EPA -- Region 5
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Re: Rexnord Corporation
2324 and 2400 Curtiss Street, Downers Grove, Illinois

Dear Tom:

We understand that the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") would like to begin its on-site investigation of the Rexnord Corporation ("Rexnord") property at 2324 and 2400 Curtiss Street, Downers Grove, Illinois ("Property") next week. However, we still have not received copies of the certificates of insurance from Roy F. Weston or the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, nor have we received the contracting documents between Roy F. Weston and EPA. Before the onsite investigation can begin, we need documentation demonstrating that Rexnord has been added as an additional insured on the Roy F. Weston and IEPA insurance policies. As soon as this documentation is in place, Rexnord will permit the investigation to go forward on its Property.

Pursuant to our previous discussions, Rexnord has agreed to provide reasonable non-exclusive access to its Property in order to permit EPA, Roy F. Weston and IEPA (collectively, the "Government") to implement the field investigation described in the attached figure which is entitled Rexnord Well Locations ("Sampling Plan"), although, Rexnord reserves the right to revoke its permission for access at anytime. Rexnord acknowledges that the exact location and precise number of borings may vary slightly and be subject to minor modification based on observed field conditions.

As a condition of access, prior to implementing the Sampling Plan, Rexnord requests that the Government contract with a private utility locator service to locate and mark all known utilities. We understand that the Government will be testing for volatile organic compounds (and not other parameters). We further understand that if the Government observes any indication of possible contamination to the Property during the onsite investigation, then the

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Government may test the samples it has collected for other parameters, provided that the Government provides notice of its intention to test for additional parameters to Rexnord's representative in the field.

Rexnord's consultant, Conestoga-Rovers & Associates, will be allowed to observe the Government's implementation of the Sampling Plan and be allowed to collect split-samples. The Government will implement the Sampling Plan so as to not unreasonably interfere with Rexnord's operations on the Property. During the implementation of the Sampling Plan, the Government will have responsibility for putting all investigation derived waste in containers for storage on the Property. Rexnord will retain possession of and responsibility for storing and disposing of any investigation derived waste.

As soon as reasonably practicable, the Government will restore the Property to its original grade, condition and appearance at the completion of the Sampling Plan. The Government will provide Rexnord with copies of draft and final reports and results (including technical data and laboratory reports) of any sampling performed in the course of the implementation of the Sampling Plan. Please contact me immediately if this letter does not accurately reflect your understanding of this matter.

Sincerely,



Todd R. Wiener

TRW/mb

cc: Irwin M. Shur, Esq. (via fax)
Ronald Fiehner (via fax)

Downers Grove Site

Downers Grove, Illinois
Rexnord Well Locations



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0.1 Miles



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- Soil Borings
- ⊗ Overburden Wells
- ⊕ ISGS Geoprobes
- ⊙ Creek Sediment Samples
- ★ Bedrock Wells